



wherein:

- R₁ is chosen from -NR'R" groups, wherein
 - R' is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl group, and
 - R" is chosen from
 - (i) a hydrogen atom,
 - (ii) alkyl groups,
 - (iii) cycloalkyl groups,
 - (iv) an allyl group,
 - (v) a propynyl group,
 - (vi) a benzyl group,
 - (vii) -OR" groups, wherein R" is chosen from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, an allyl group, a propynyl group, and a benzyl group, and
 - (viii) -NR₃R₄ groups, wherein

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- R_3 and R_4 are each a methyl group, or
- R_3 and R_4 , which are identical or different, form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 4- to 5-membered heterocycl group, wherein one of said members, in addition to said nitrogen atom, may be an atom chosen from an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom, and a nitrogen atom,
- R_2 is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, and an ethyl group,
- the bond --- is a single bond or a double bond,
- unless otherwise stated, said alkyl groups are chosen from straight and branched C_1 - C_6 alkyl groups,
- unless otherwise stated, said cycloalkyl groups are chosen from C_3 - C_4 cycloalkyl groups,
- when said R'' is chosen from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, an allyl group, a propynyl group, and a benzyl group, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R_1 is of the R configuration and said mixtures comprise

stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R_1 is of the R configuration or the S configuration and wherein said R configuration is predominant, and

- when R'' is chosen from said -OR'' groups and said -NR₃R₄ groups, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R_1 is of the R configuration or the S configuration and said mixtures comprise stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R_1 is of the R configuration or the S configuration.

18. (Once Amended) A group A streptogramin derivative according to claim 17, wherein:

- R_1 is chosen from -NR'R'' groups, wherein

- R' is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl group, and
- R'' is chosen from
 - (i) a hydrogen atom,
 - (ii) alkyl groups,
 - (iii) cycloalkyl groups,
 - (iv) an allyl group,
 - (v) a propynyl group,
 - (vi) a benzyl group,
 - (vii) -OR'' groups, wherein R'' is chosen from C₁-C₆ alkyl groups, an allyl group, and a propynyl group,
 - (viii) -NR₃R₄ groups, wherein

R₃ and R₄ are each a methyl group, or

R₃ and R₄, which are identical or different, form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a saturated or unsaturated 4- to 5-membered heterocyclic group, wherein one of said members, in addition to said nitrogen atom, may be an atom chosen from an oxygen atom, a sulphur atom, and a nitrogen atom,

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- R₂ is chosen from a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, and an ethyl group,

- the bond is a single bond or a double bond,

- when said R" is chosen from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, an allyl group, a propynyl group, and a benzyl group, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R₁ is of the R configuration and said mixtures comprise stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration and wherein said R configuration is predominant, and

- when R" is chosen from said -OR"" groups and said -NR₃R₄ groups, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration and

said mixtures comprise stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration.

19. (Once Amended) A group A streptogramin derivative according to claim 17, wherein:

- R₁ is chosen from -NR'R" groups, wherein

- R' is chosen from a hydrogen atom and a methyl group, and
- R" is chosen from
 - (i) a hydrogen atom,
 - (ii) C₁-C₄ alkyl groups,
 - (iii) cycloalkyl groups,
 - (iv) an allyl group,
 - (v) a propynyl group,
 - (vi) a benzyl group,
 - (vii) -OR''' groups, wherein R''' is chosen from C₁-C₃ alkyl groups, an allyl group, and a propynyl group,
 - (viii) -NR₃R₄ groups, wherein
 - R₃ and R₄, which are identical or different, form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, a 5-membered saturated heterocyclyl group,

- R₂ is chosen from a methyl group and an ethyl group,

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- the bond --- is a single bond or a double bond,

- when said R" is chosen from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, an allyl group, a propynyl group, and a benzyl group, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R₁ is of the R configuration and said mixtures comprise stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration and wherein said R configuration is predominant, and

- when R" is chosen from said -OR" groups and said -NR₃R₄ groups, said group A streptogramin derivatives and said salts thereof are chosen such that the carbon bearing said R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration and said mixtures comprise stereoisomers, wherein the carbon bearing R₁ is of the R configuration or the S configuration.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 17-24 and 32 are pending in this application. Claims 17-19 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in the specification on page 3, lines 6-14. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments, nor do these amendments raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Office.